

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant has elected, without traverse, the following species: in Group 1, Species 1 - Fig. 1; on which Claims 1-12, 17-31, 36-42, 49 and 54-57 are readable; in Group 2, species 1 - molding matrix around insulating element on which Claims 1-17, 20-23, 31-35, 37-42, 49 and 54-57 are readable; and in Group 3, Species 1 - polystyrene on which Claims 1-38, 40-42 and 54-57 are readable.

Applicant acknowledges that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Finally, Applicant hereby requests a four (4) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Credit Card payment form no. PTO-2038 in the amount of \$820.00 is enclosed to cover the official fee. Any fee deficiency or overpayment may be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.50-3990.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of the merits of the application
is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: USPTO Form 2038 in the amount of \$820

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